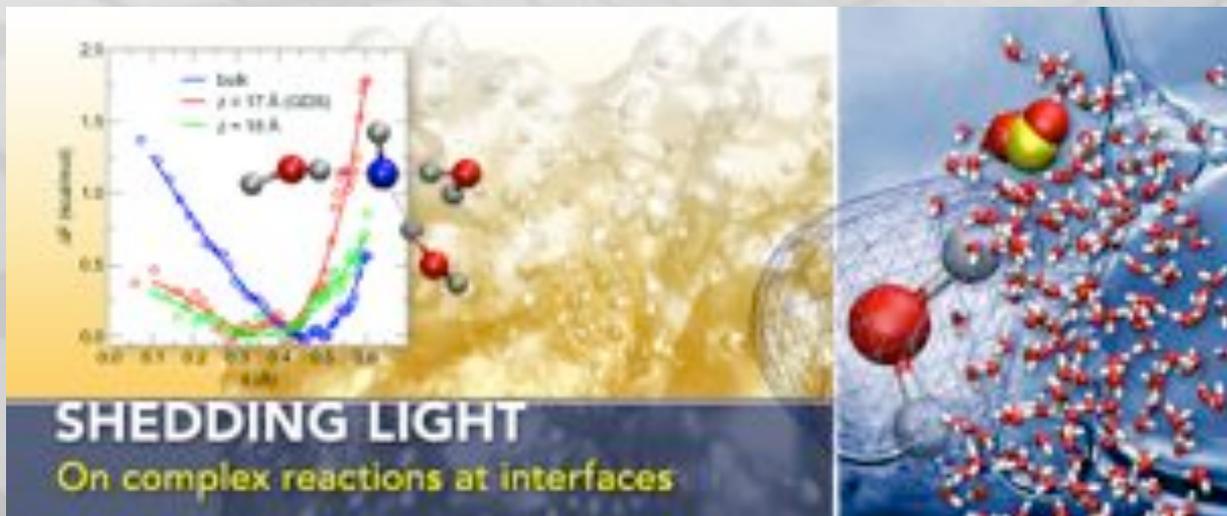


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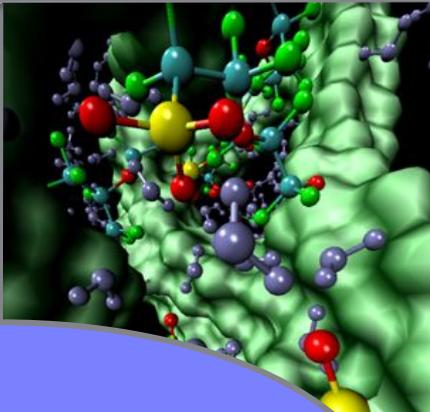
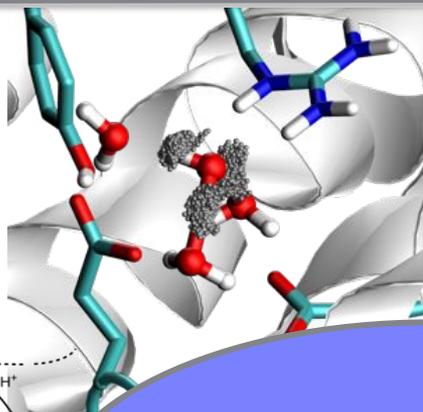
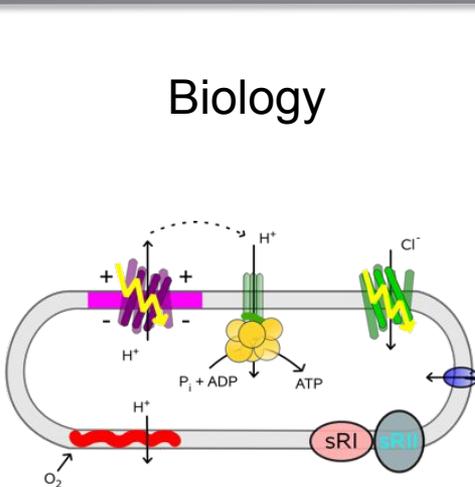


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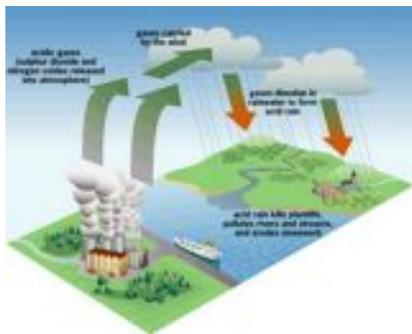
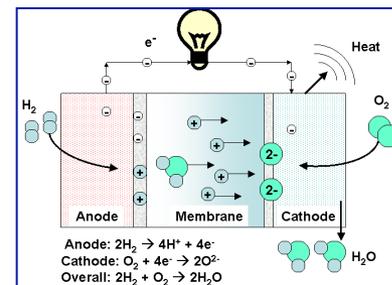
Frontiers in Chemistry: "Pimentel-Report"

Biology

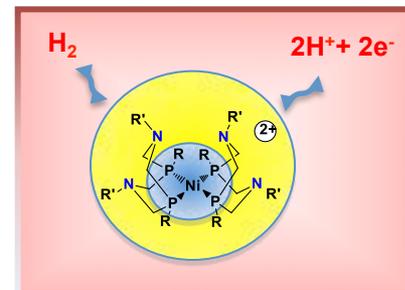
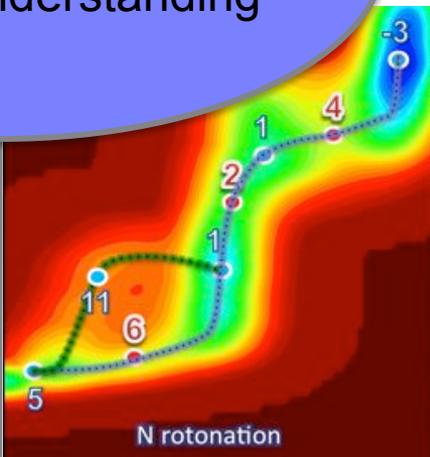
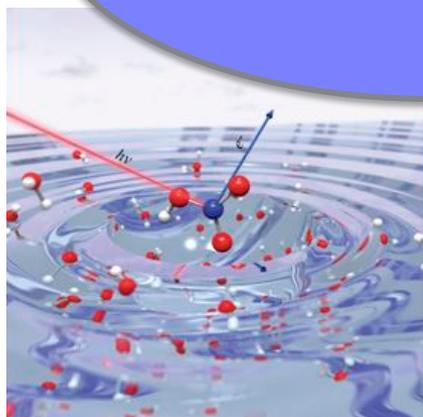


Chemistry at interfaces
needs a
molecular understanding

Energy



Atmospheric

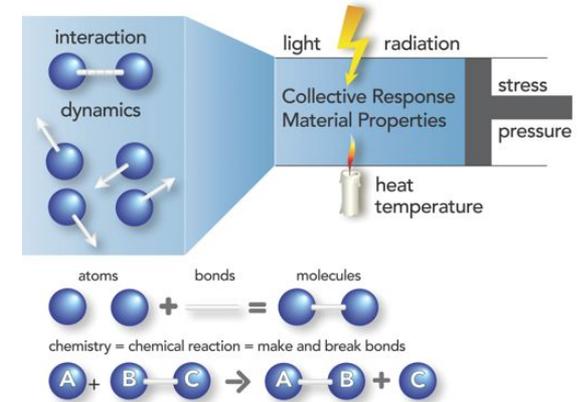
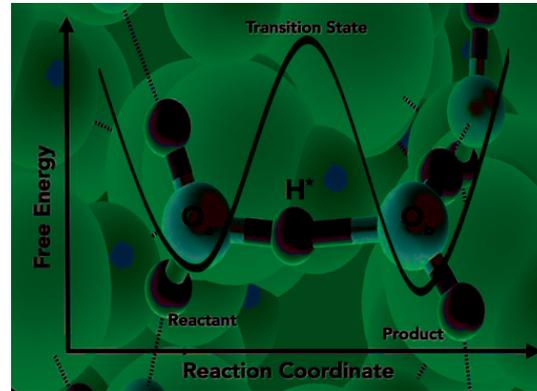
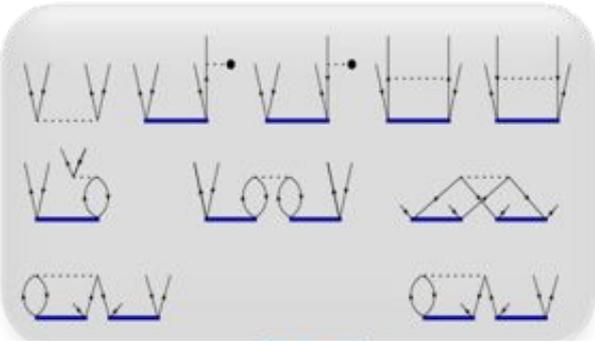


Catalysis

PNNL uses High Performance Computing (HPC) in Conjunction with two established DOE programs

- ❖ **BES Condensed Phase and Interfacial Science (CPIMS)**
 - **Mission: Provide a molecular understanding of interfacial processes**
 - **Legacy of Thom Dunning**
- ❖ **Energy Frontiers Research Center (EFRC) on Molecular Electrocatalysis**
 - **Mission: Convert electrical energy into chemical bonds and vice-versa**
- ❖ **Both programs elucidate chemical phenomena in heterogeneous environments**

HPC is Essential to PNNL Molecular Science



**Simulation of
Molecular Interaction+**

**Simulation of
Collective Motion**

**=
Simulation of
Material Properties**

What do electrons do?

What do molecules do?

What do materials do?

Validate with measurement

Computer
Code:

CP2K

Our quantum mechanical interaction = Density Functional Theory (DFT)

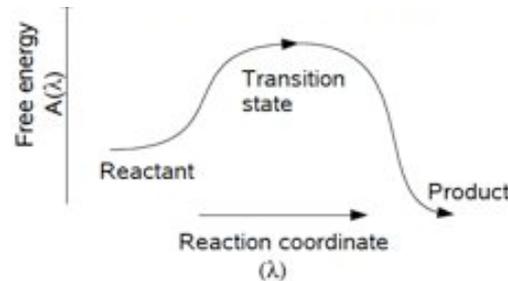
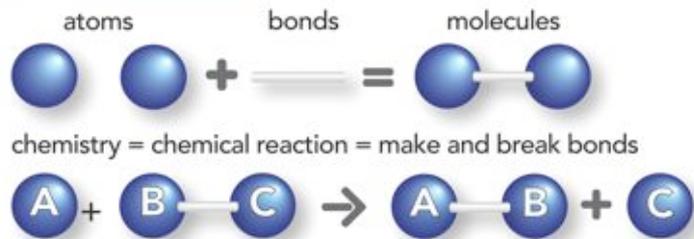
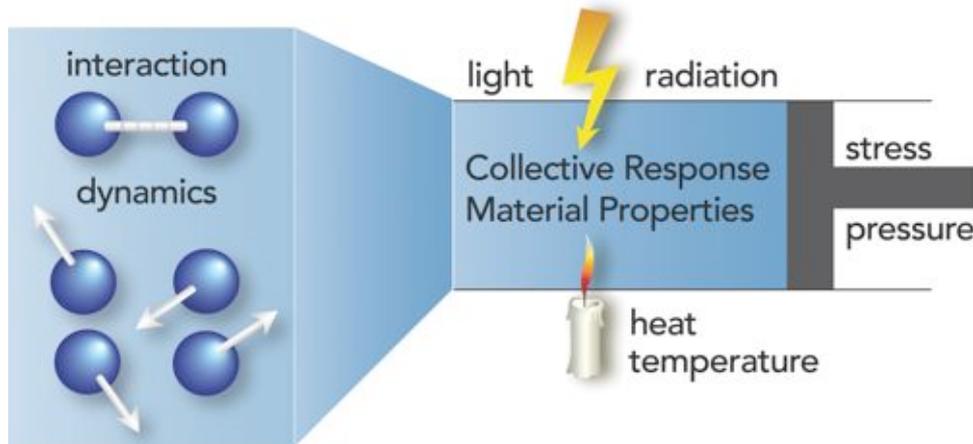
CP2K with our 2008-2012 INCITE award affords DFT calculations at an unprecedented scope



- ❖ **A wide variety of model Hamiltonians**
 - Classical
 - Semi-empirical
 - Local and non-local DFT
 - Combinations (e.g. QM/MM)
- ❖ **Various algorithms**
 - MD/MC [NVE, NVT, NpT]
 - Free energy and PES tools
 - Ehrenfest MD
- ❖ **Properties**
 - Vibrational
 - NMR, EPR, XAS, TDDFT

Statistical Mechanics is the connection between Molecular Detail and Observation

Intrinsically Parallel Methods in Molecular Simulation



$$A_{a \rightarrow b} = \int_{\lambda_a}^{\lambda_b} \left\langle \frac{\partial H(x, p_x; \lambda)}{\partial \lambda} \right\rangle_{\lambda} d\lambda$$

❖ Sometimes good science requires embarrassingly parallel methods

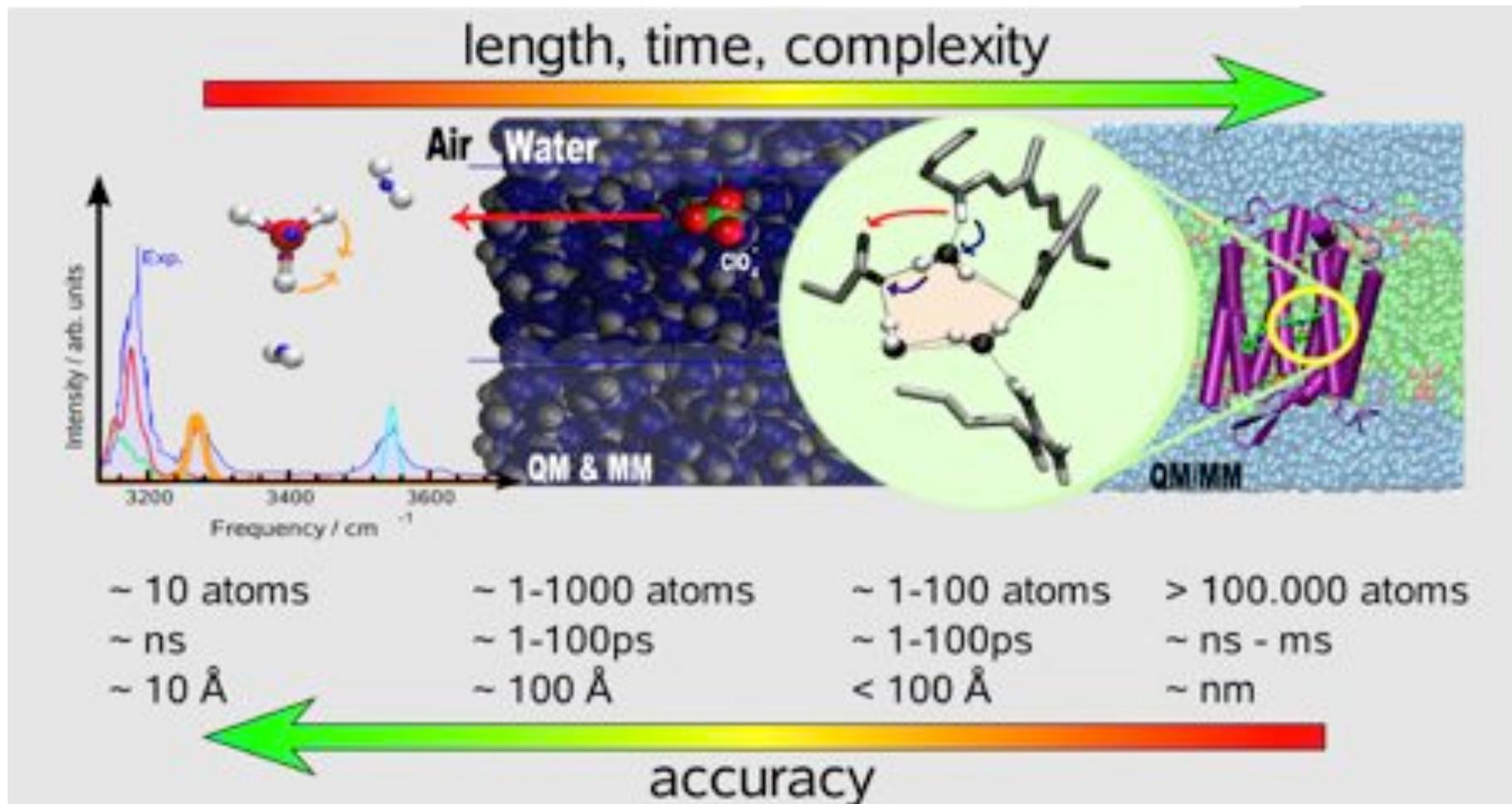
- Free energy profiles
- Good statistics from independent simulation

❖ Free energy replaces total energy in complex systems at finite temperature yielding rates and affinities. Essential quantitative information for chemistry, biology, material science

❖ Parallelize over integrand and integration

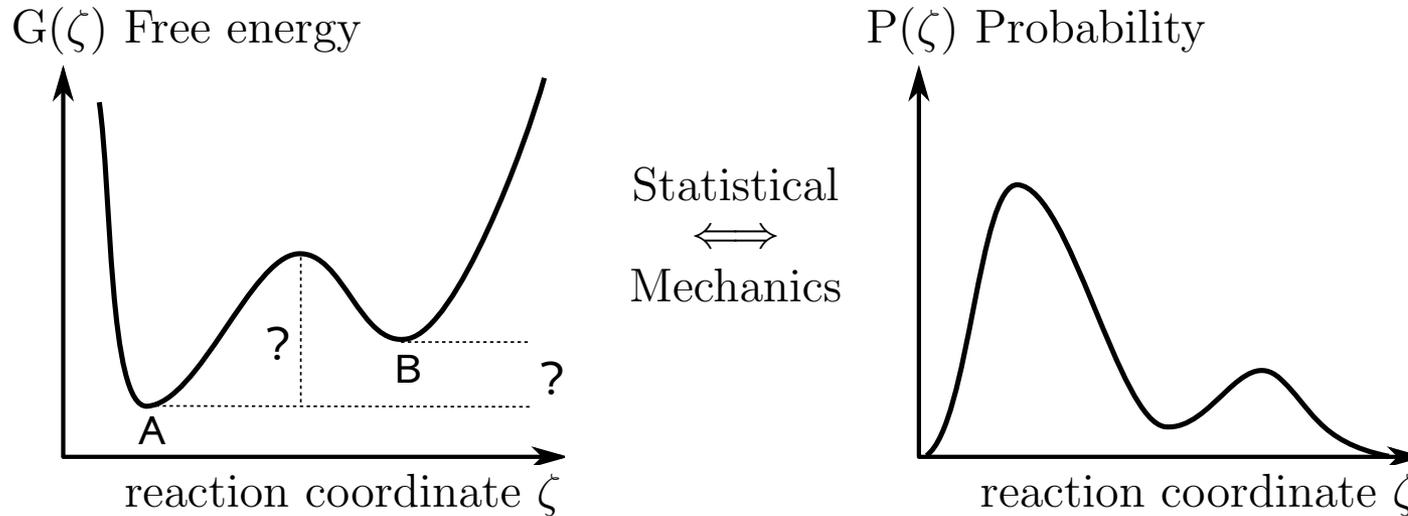
Statistical mechanics \Rightarrow non-trivial results

In solving real problems no single approach will address all issues



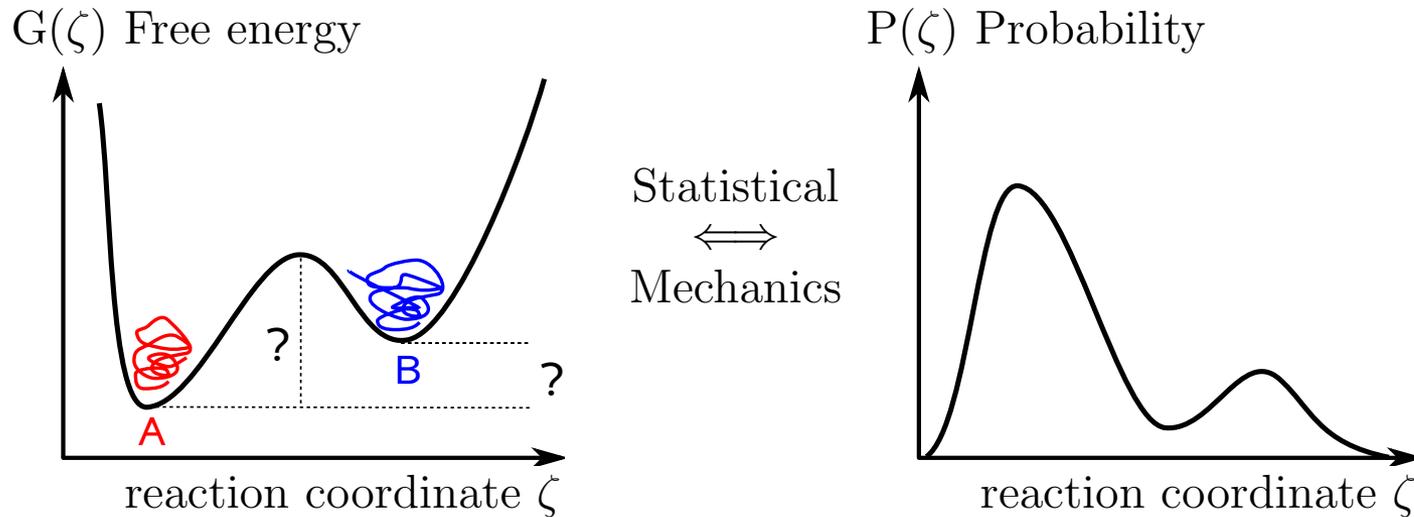
Chemistry is complex!

Reversible work theorem: We exploit one of the most important concepts in statistical mechanics



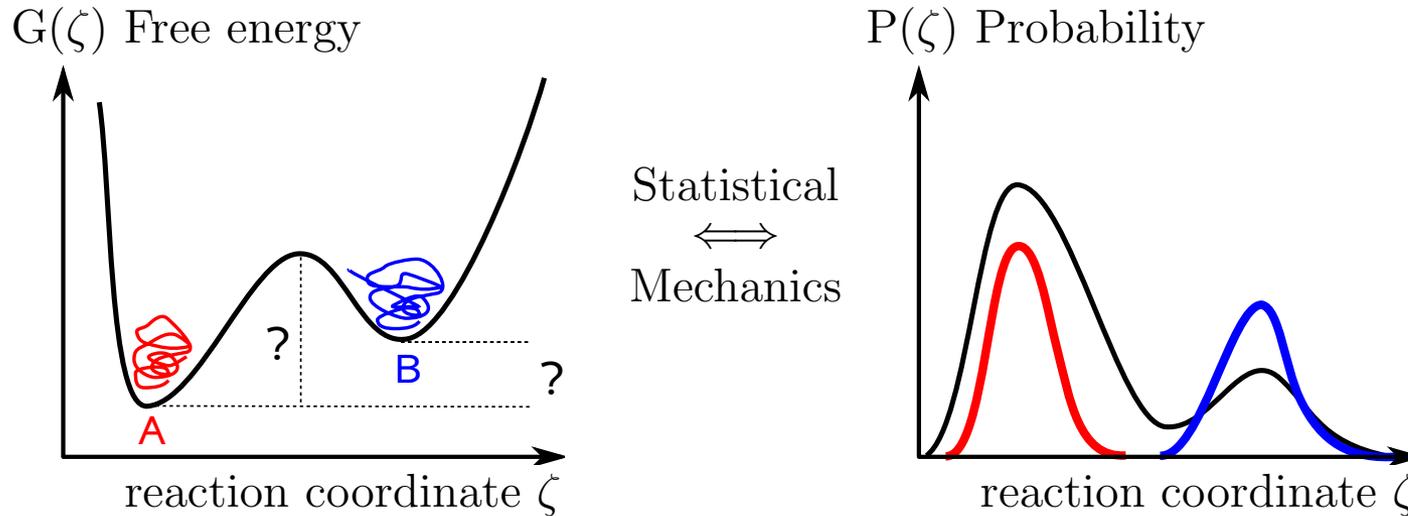
$$G(\zeta) = -k_B T \ln(P(\zeta)) + F$$

Sampling is limited in all molecular simulation techniques.



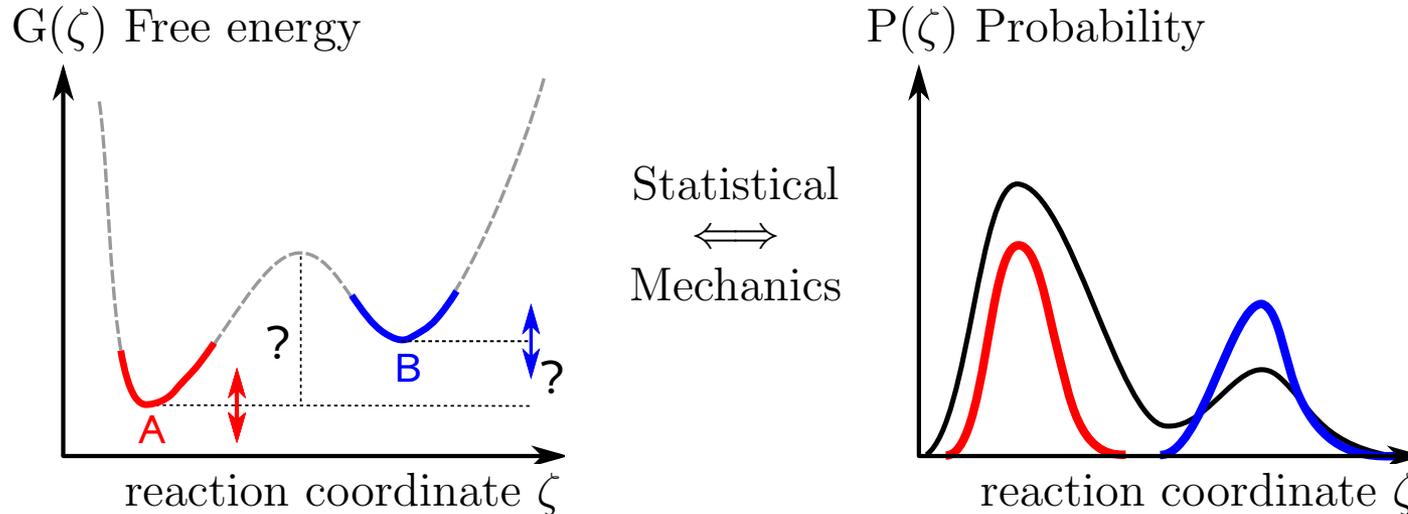
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Even with powerful formula we can get the wrong answer



$$G(\zeta) = -k_B T \ln(P(\zeta)) + F$$

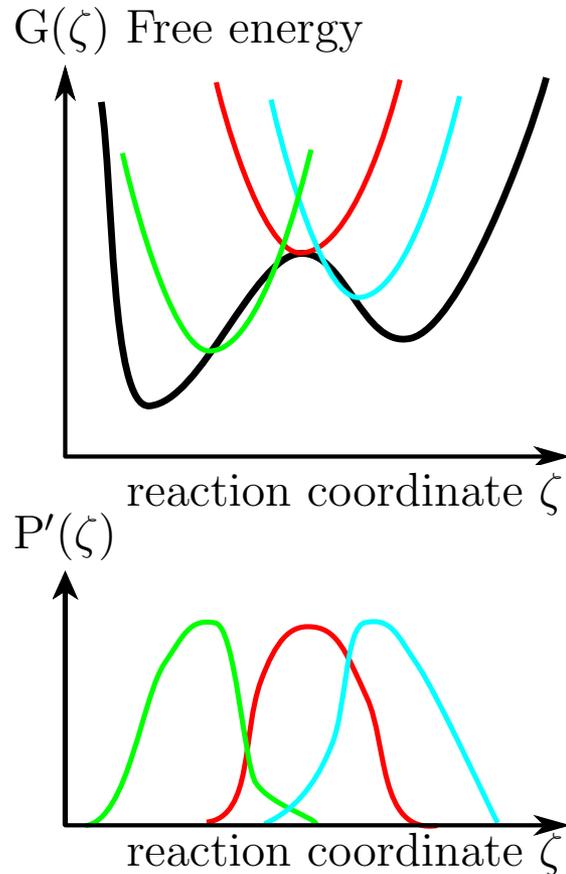
How do we attack the sampling problem? Umbrella-Sampling



$$G(\zeta) = -k_B T \ln(P(\zeta)) + F$$

⇒ Efficient sampling methods are needed!

Umbrella-Sampling



- **idea:** add biasing potential $V(\zeta)$

$$V(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2} (\zeta - \zeta_0)^2$$

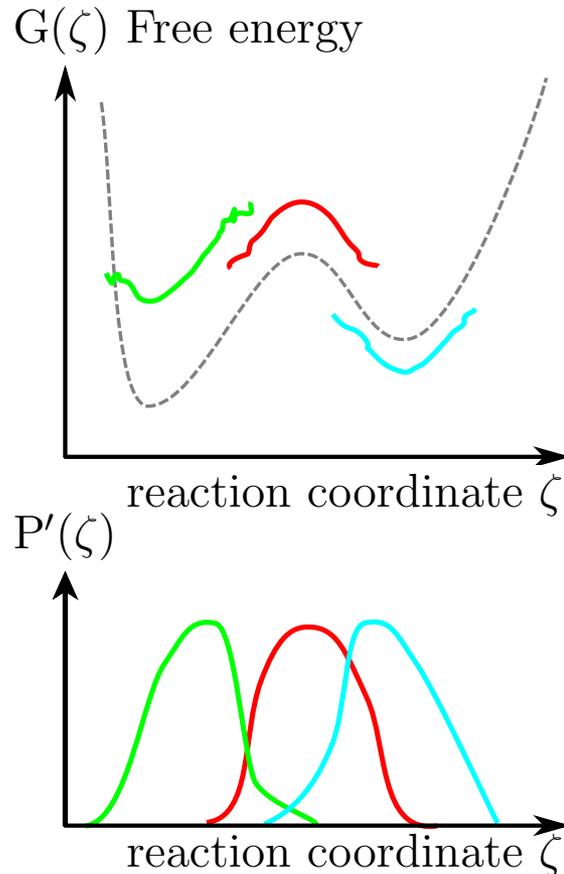
- compute biased probability $P'(\zeta)$

- estimate unbiased free energy $G(\zeta)$

$$G(\zeta) = -k_B T \ln(P'(\zeta)) + V(\zeta) + F$$

❖ We can parallelize over "umbrella" potentials

Umbrella-Sampling



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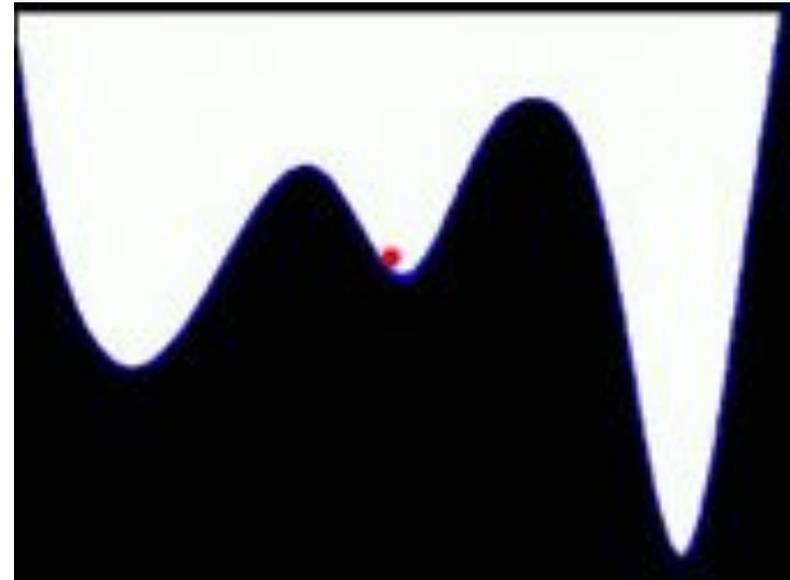
⇒ Weighted Histogram Analysis Method
for determining F in a self consistent way

We can also add this biasing potential in a clever dynamical scheme

Metadynamics: History dependent potential, to cross a barrier $> kT$

[*Reports on Progress in Physics*, **71** (2008) 126601]

To explore $G(\zeta)$, every N time steps put a Gaussian:



ζ (collective variables)

- Distance
- Torsion angle
- Coordination number

- ❖ Computing accurate free energy surfaces with quantum mechanical based interaction potentials requires Leadership Computing Resources
- ❖ **Multiple "walkers" in parallel help sample free-energy landscape**

Interfacial processes studied with DFT

Ions at interfaces are relevant to problems from atmospheric science to biology: A HPC problem

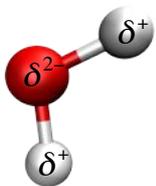
❖ Ion specific effects

1. Nano-assembly stability (theory of colloids important in synthesis, self-assembly, paints, etc)

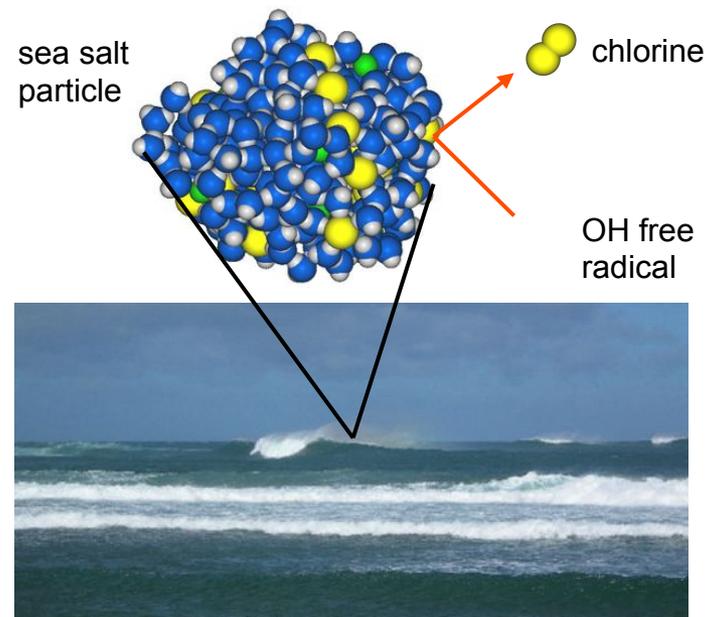
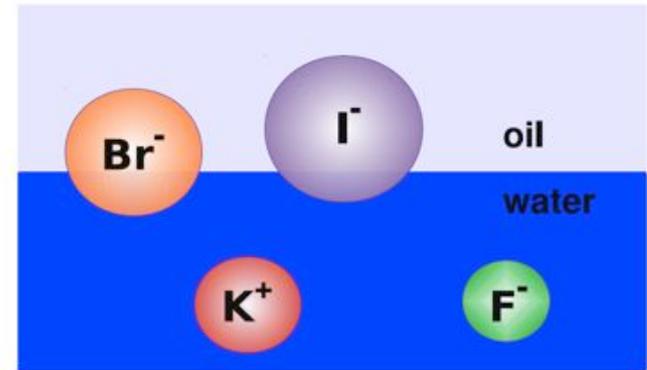
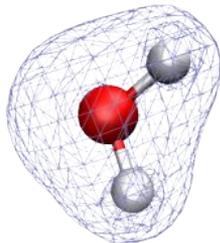
2. Protein stability (Hofmeister series)

3. Heterogeneous chemistry in the atmosphere (acids, bases, halides at aqueous interfaces)

❖ The principles of ion specific interactions are contained in a *local quantum mechanical* description of solvation



vs.

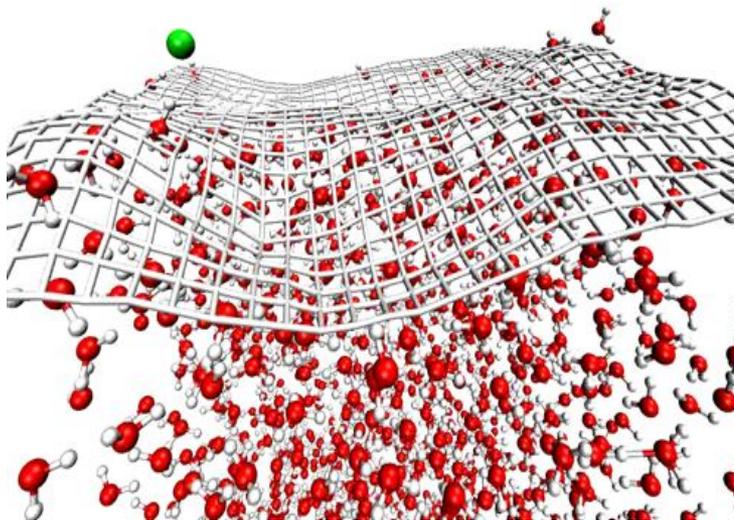


Motivation

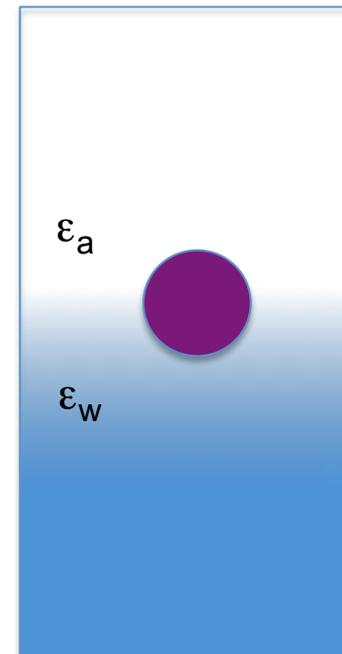
❖ Outstanding questions:

- Identify a theoretical model and **validate with molecular simulation to identify the principles of ion adsorption at interfaces**

We want to go from this



.....to this



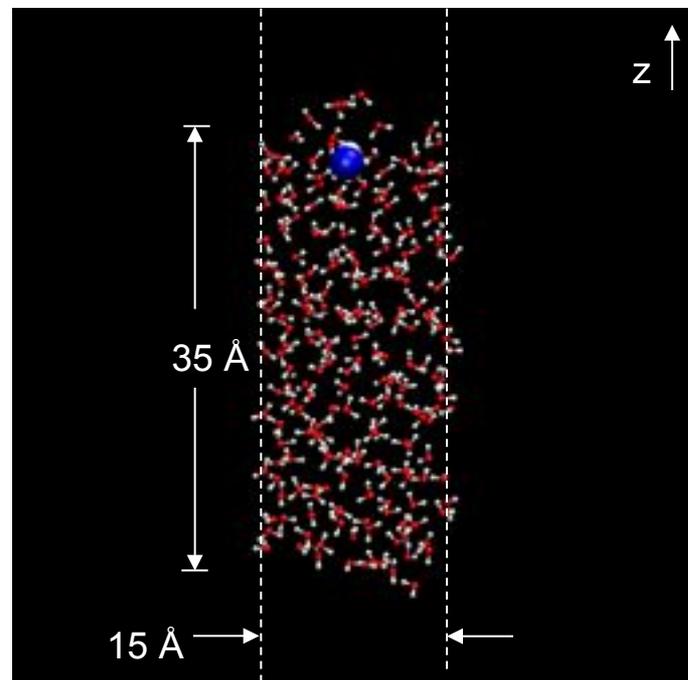
We continue to develop the protocol for large-scale DFT simulation for open aqueous systems

IFW Kuo and CJM, *Science* **303**, 658 (2004)

An ab Initio Molecular Dynamics
Study of the Aqueous
Liquid-Vapor Interface
I-Feng W. Kuo and Christopher J. Murray*

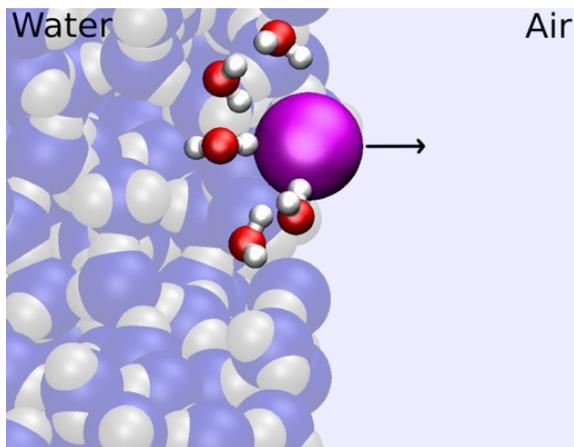


CJM, IFW Kuo, *Chemical Reviews* **106**, 1282 (2006)



- Current system sizes of 216 waters are needed to yield a true interfacial system but larger systems are needed in order to simulate the effects of dilute salt solutions and their chemical reactions

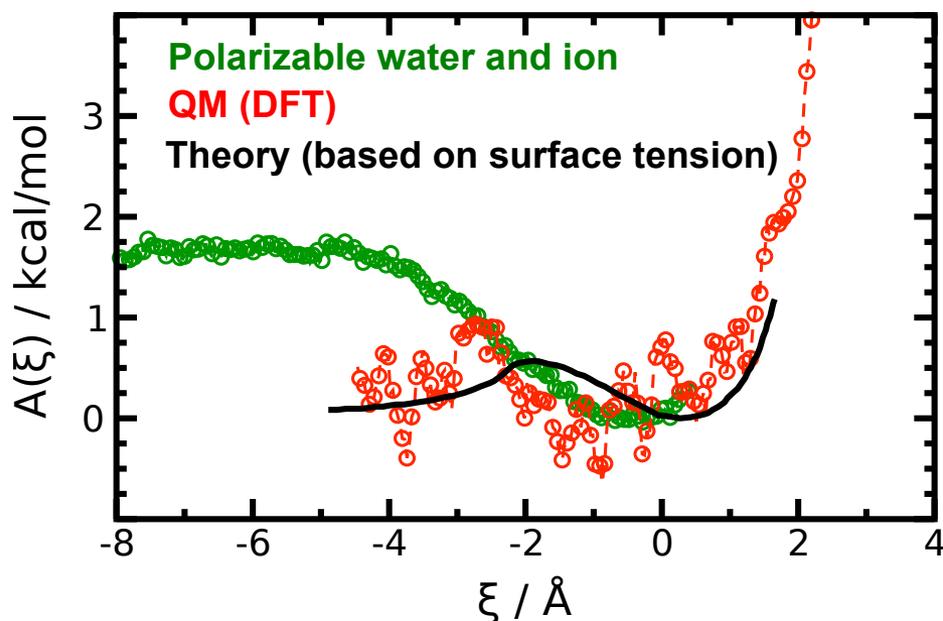
Our thermodynamic calculation suggests that ion adsorption is sensitive to the local charge density



❖ Quantum mechanics seems to give an answer for the potential of mean force for transfer consistent with experiments

❖ Classical empirical models with the inclusion of polarization yield too much adsorption. Results would say that the addition of salt lowers surface tension!

❖ We continue to work closely with theory and experiment to identify the microscopic principles for ion adsorption at hydrophobic interfaces



Water's self-ions at the air-water interface have also generated a recent controversy

Water surface is acidic

Victoria Buch*, Anne Milet†, Robert Vácha‡, Pavel Jungwirth‡§, and J. Paul Devlin¶

7342–7347 | PNAS | May 1, 2007 | vol. 104 | no. 18

Autoionization at the surface of neat water: is the top layer pH neutral, basic, or acidic?

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4736 | *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 2007, 9, 4736–4747

Is the liquid water surface basic or acidic? Macroscopic vs. molecular-scale investigations

Poul B. Petersen¹, Richard J. Saykally*

Chemical Physics Letters 458 (2008) 255–261

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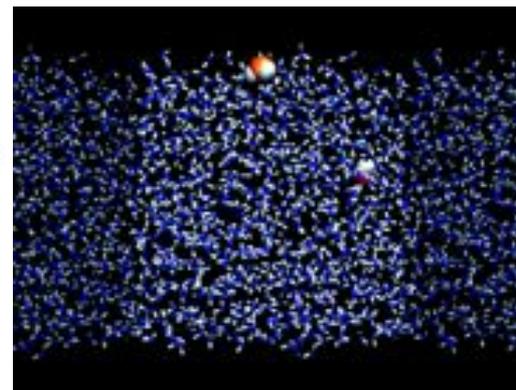
330 | *Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys.*, 2008, 10, 330–331

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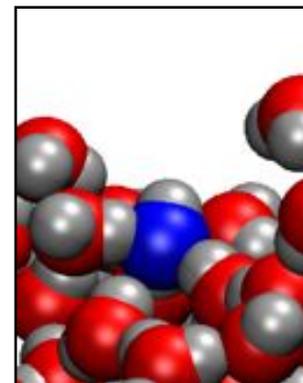
The surface of neat water is basic

James K. Beattie,* Alex M. Djerdjev and Gregory G. Warr

“Microscopic perspective” (simulation, spectroscopy): H₃O⁺ adsorbs, OH⁻ is repelled, enhanced autoionization at interface



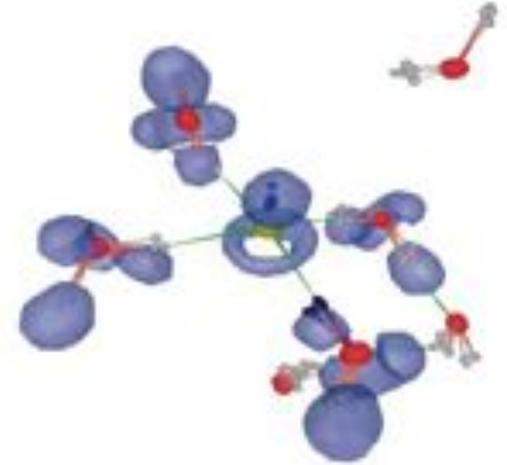
“Macroscopic perspective” (electrokinetic): water surface is negatively charged due to adsorption of OH⁻



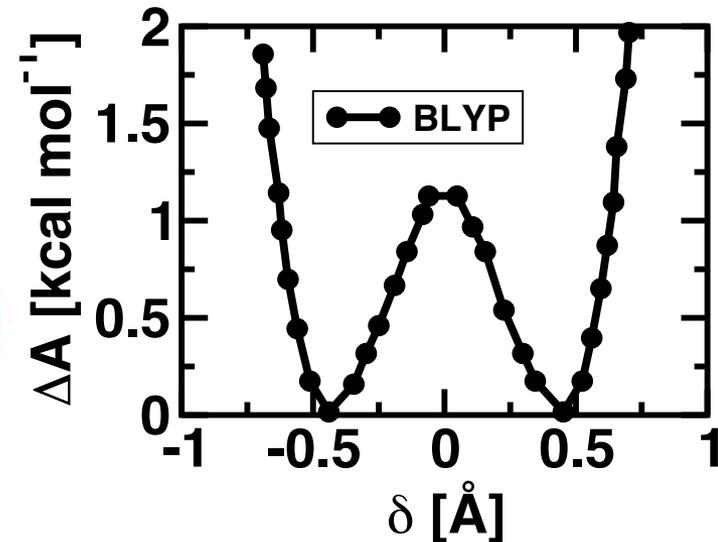
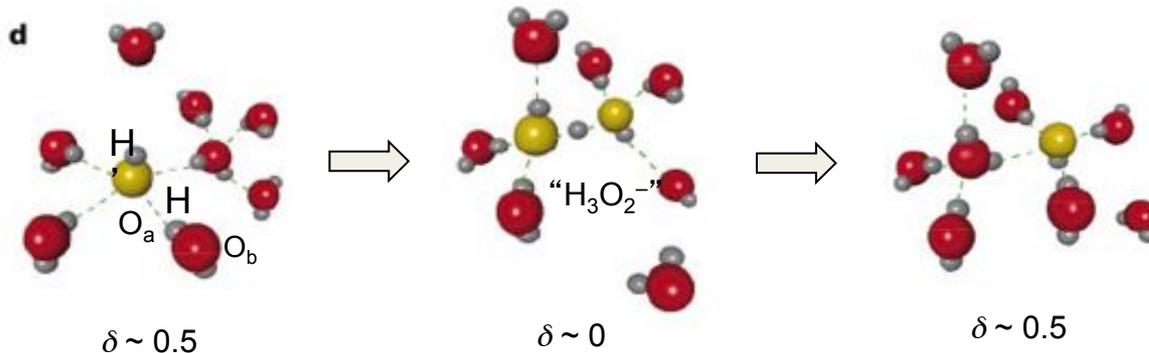
Water's self-ions produce additional challenges for molecular simulation: Chemistry!

❖ Understanding water's ions requires the use of quantum mechanical charge density to:

- Capture exotic square planar arrangement of water around hydroxyl O atom (Tuckerman, Marx, Parrinello, *Nature*, 2002)
- Sample proton migration of the charge defect (e.g. hydroxide anion, hydronium cation)



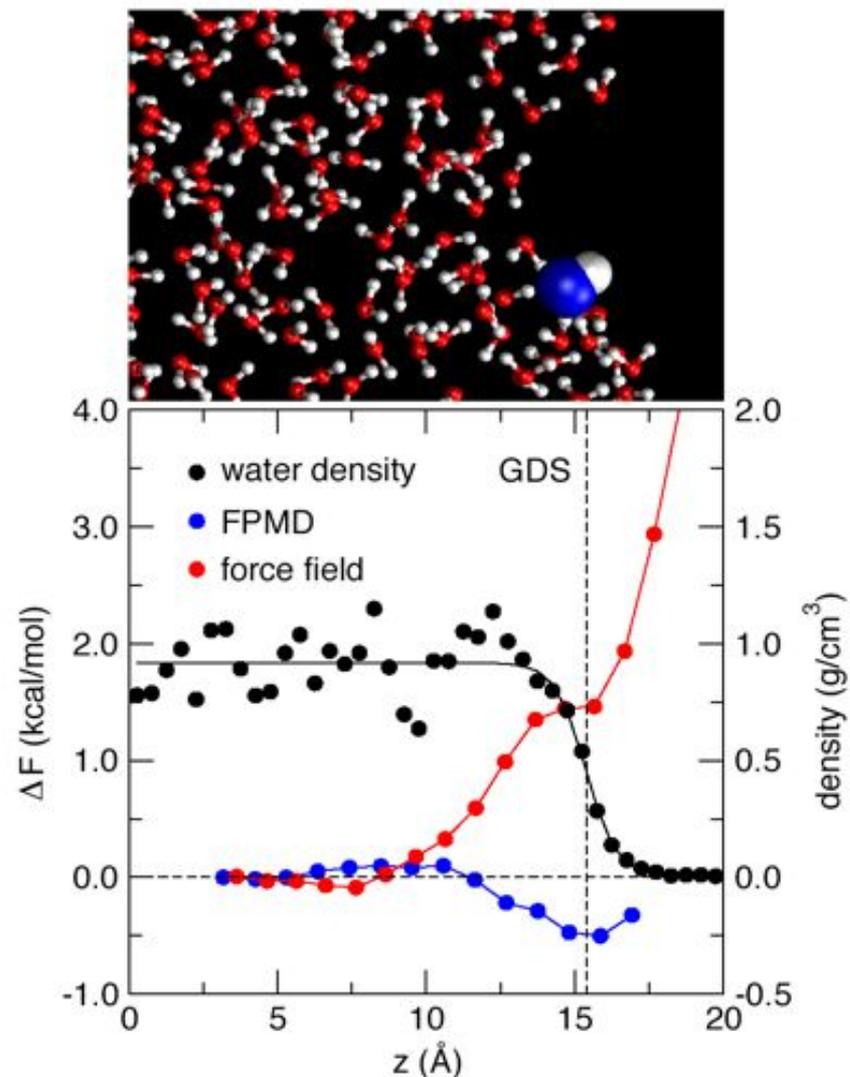
$$\delta = R(O_a-H) - R(O_b-H)$$



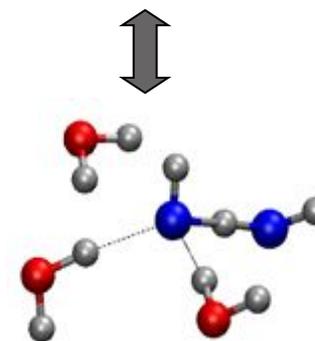
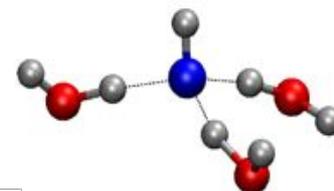
Our findings suggest that DFT provides a weakly adsorbing free energy for hydroxide

❖ H-bonded OH^- is slightly stabilized at the interface; $\Delta F(\text{surface} - \text{bulk}) \sim 0.5 \text{ kcal/mol}$

❖ Dramatic differences to the empirical force field model

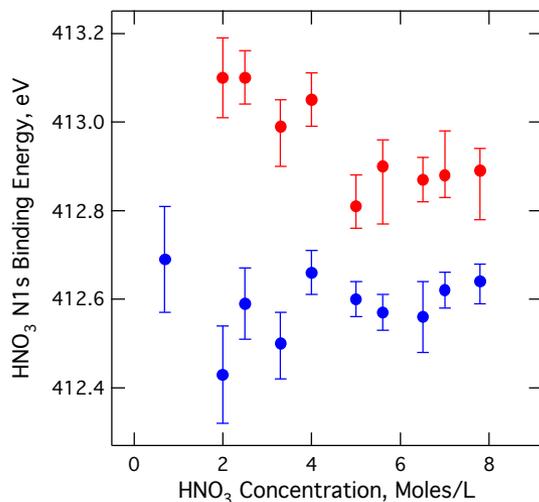
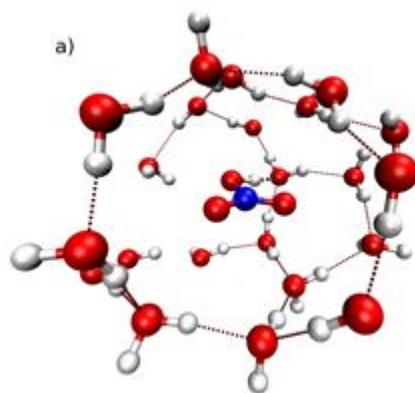
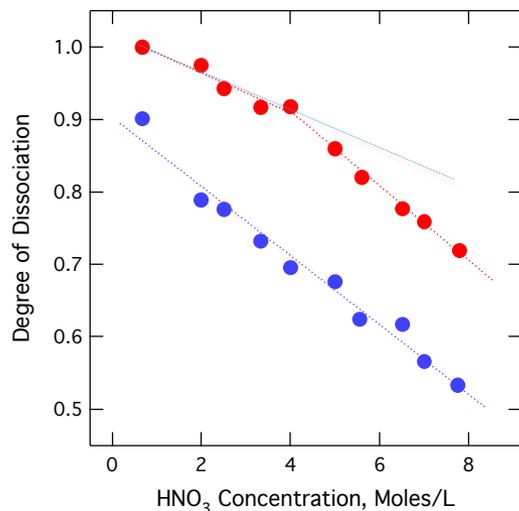


OH^- H-bonded to H_2O $\delta \sim 0.45$



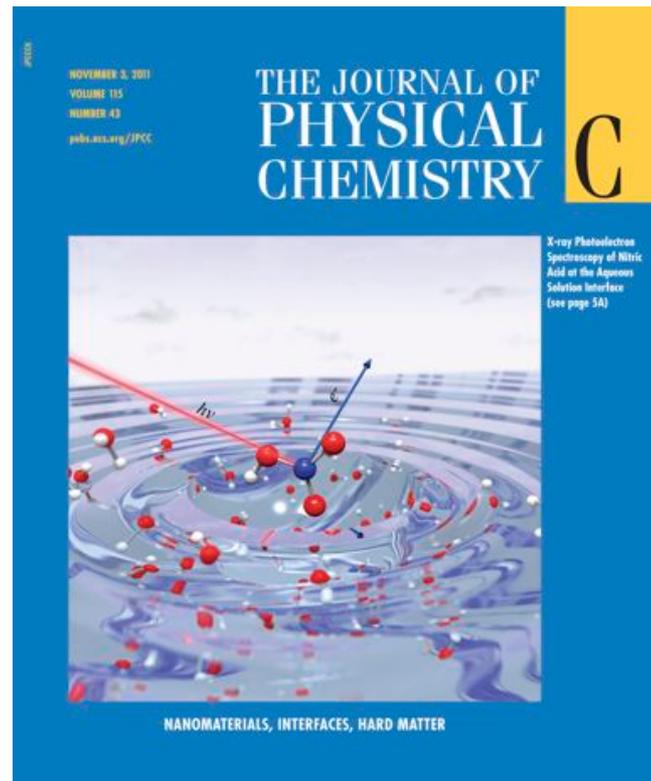
Delocalized anion " H_3O_2^- " $\delta \sim 0.30$

We connect to state-of-the-art surface sensitive spectroscopy that measure acid dissociation at the air-water interface



❖ We correlate local solvation to 1s binding energies

❖ Surface solvation of HNO₃ at low concentration similar to solvation at in bulk at high concentration



Lewis, Winter, Stern, Baer, **CJM**, Tobias & Hemminger, *J. Phys. Chem. C* **115**, 21183 (2011)

We are connecting with new experiments to study the old problem of water on TiO_2

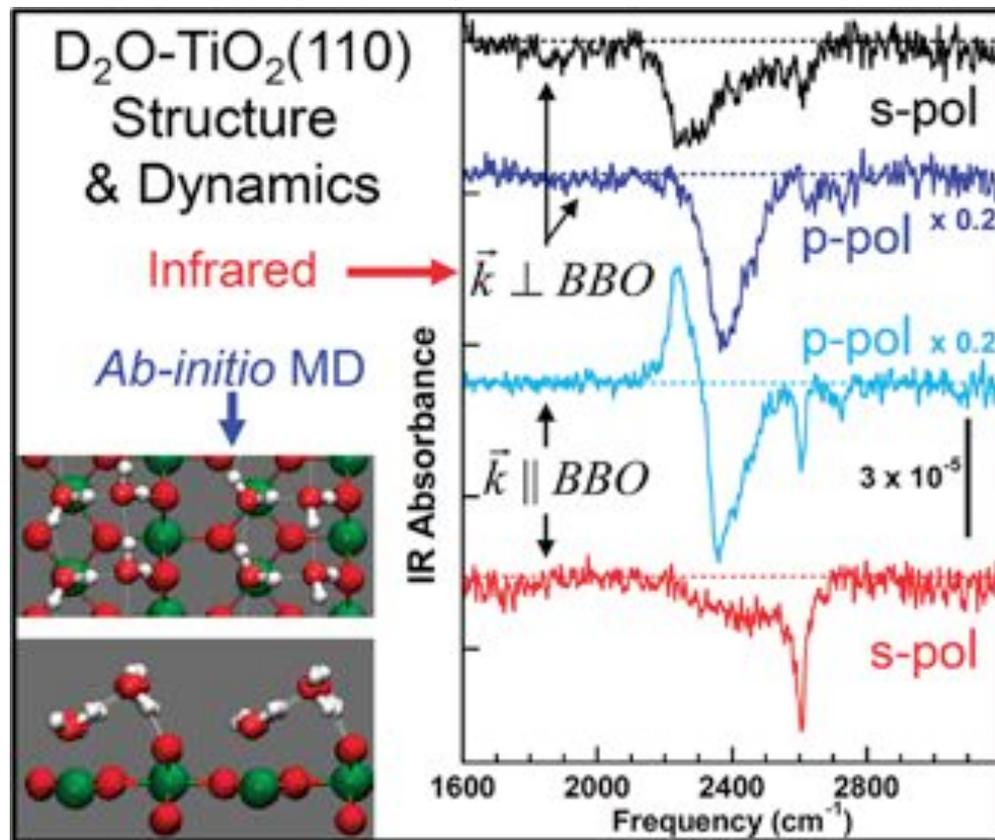


- ❖ New experiments that are both polarization and azimuth resolved give new insights to the structure of water on insulating surfaces

- ❖ Experiments are compared directly to DFT calculations

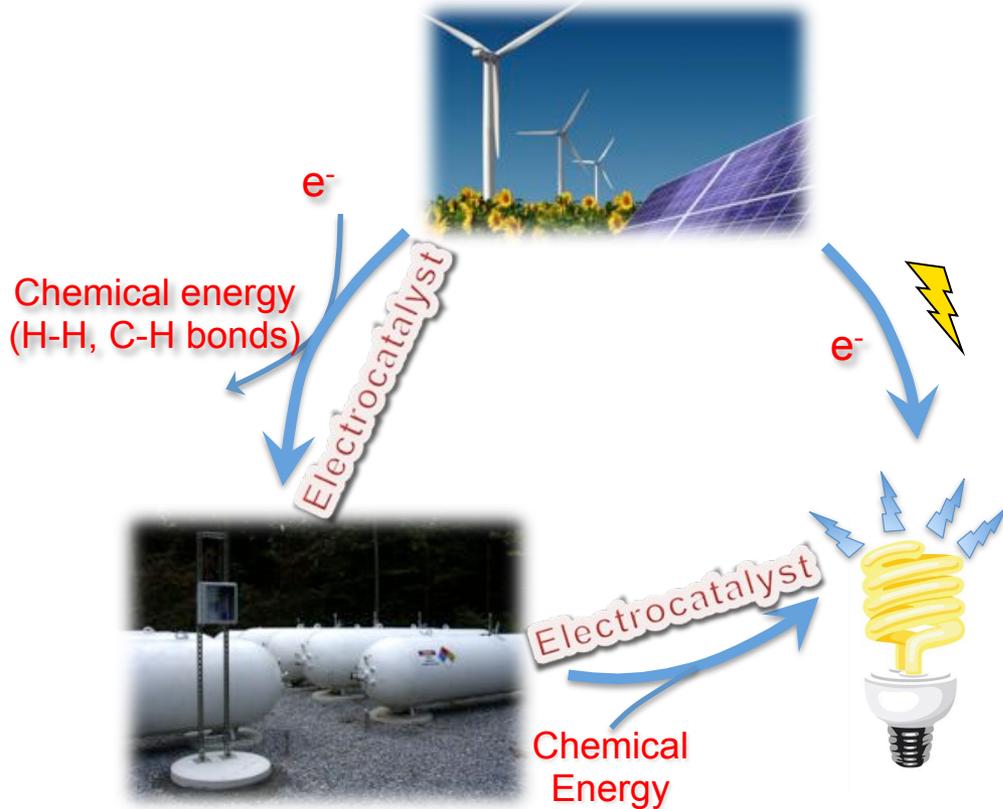
- ❖ Resolved long-standing puzzle regarding H-bonding between first and second layer

- ❖ Water is not dissociated on TiO_2



Molecular electrocatalysis

Renewable Energy



Hydrogen Oxidation



Hydrogen Production



**Multi-Proton
 multi-electron reactions**

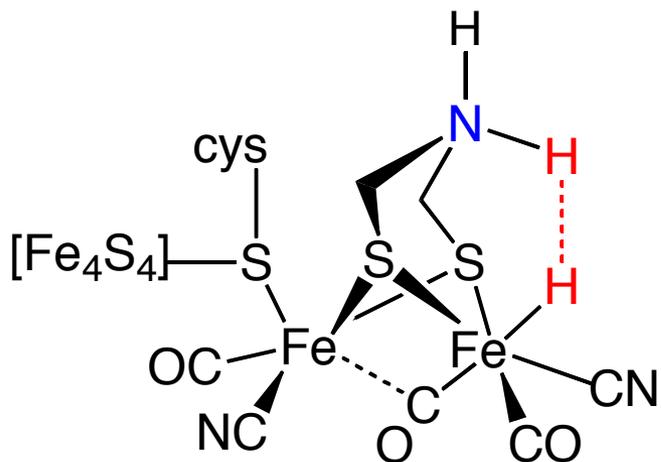
Use of cheap metals for noble tasks
 Ni, Fe, Co but no Pt

Energy is stored in chemical bonds:
 Interconversion between electricity and fuels
 will require **catalysts** for formation or cleavage
 of bonds

Developing highly active, cheap metal-based catalysts for H₂ oxidation and evolution

[FeFe] Hydrogenases

- Reversible proton/dihydrogen production
- H₂ production: TOF < 10,000 s⁻¹;
overpotential: 100 – 300 mV

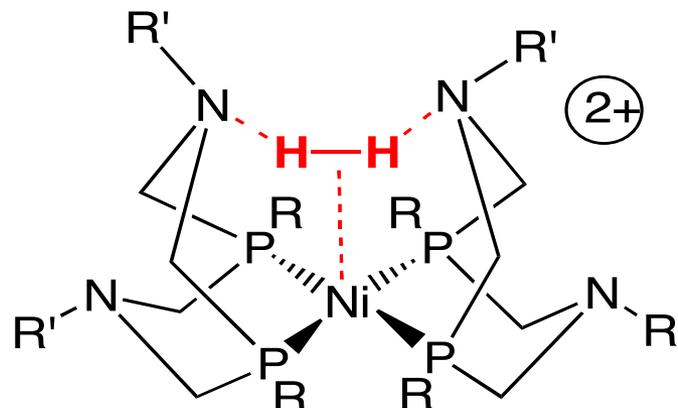


Metal-amine induce heterolytic cleavage of H₂

Fontecilla-Camps et al., *Chem. Rev.* **2007**, 107, 4273

Ni/Phospine catalysts with proton relays

- H₂ production: TOF < 10,000 s⁻¹;
overpotential: > 200 mV
- H₂ oxidation: TOF < 60 s⁻¹

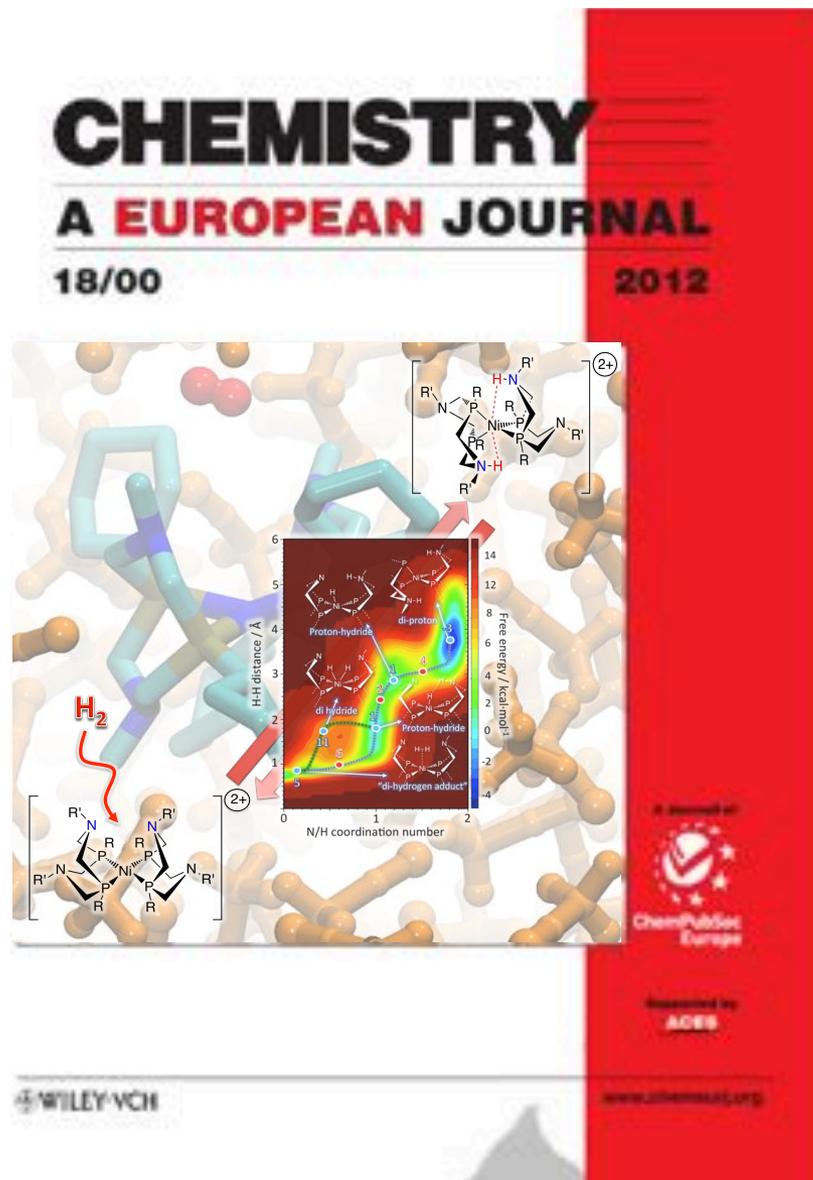
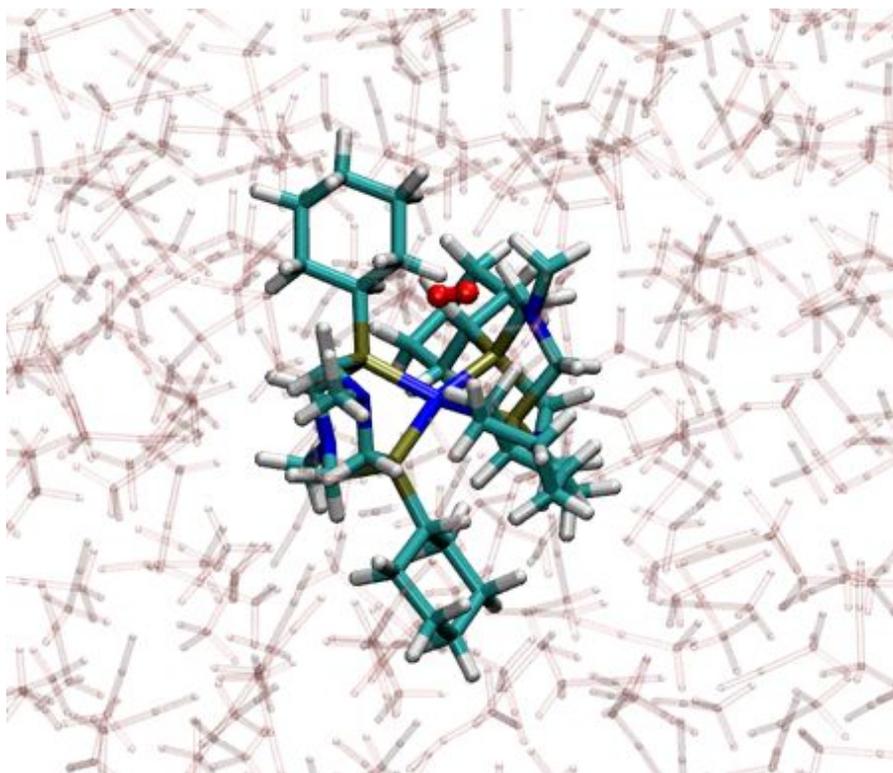


Incorporate the same chemical functionalities ...

Ni[P₂N₂] family of catalysts

DuBois et al., *Acc. Chem. Res.* **42**, 1974 (2009)
Helm et al., *Science* **333** (2011) 863

H₂ splitting elucidated with QM/MM and metadynamics





❖ **Leadership Class Computing is enabling us to simulate complex chemical systems in heterogeneous environments**

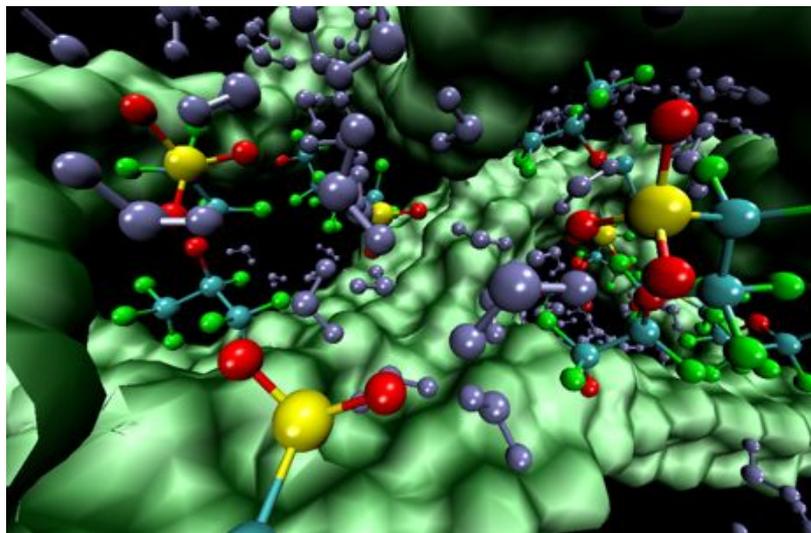
❖ **We are computing the relevant thermodynamics functions**

Future

❖ **Development of other electronic structure methodologies (semi-empirical, MP2) to perform the condensed phase**

❖ **Proton exchange membranes for fuel cells**

- **Chemistry (proton transfer)**
- **Heterogeneous**
- **Large systems and times are needed to benchmark models against experiment**



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